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LARSON: FAIR ELECTIONS CORRECTS MISTAKES LEARNED ON STATE LEVEL

Supreme Court Decision Does Not Impact Fair Elections Legislation

Washington, DC -- Congressman John B. Larson (*CT-01*), Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's order today blocking the release of matching funds to candidates for office in Arizona who have opted into their Clean Elections program.

"As I've said before, the states are the laboratories of democracy in this country, the testing ground for new and innovative ways to improve our nation. Arizona, like a few other states around the country, has faced legal challenges to provisions of their clean elections legislation. We've known about these challenges and corrected for them in the Fair Elections Now Act, legislation that will take the corrosive hunt for big money out of our national elections. I will continue to fight to enact the Fair Elections Act because I believe it is the best way to restore the public's trust in our government, and bring about

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